

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, with the rank of Ambassador, Carl W. Ford, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, Ruth A. Davis, of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, and Paul Vincent Kelly, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Craner was introduced by Senator McCain, Mr. Ensenat was introduced by Senator Breaux, and Mr. Ford was introduced by former Senator Glenn.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Erik Patrick Christian and Maurice A. Ross, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of

Columbia, after the nominees, who were introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RURAL AND URBAN HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration held hearings to examine United States immigration policy regarding the immigration of nurses, physicians and other health care professionals to the United States, focusing on rural and urban nursing shortages and the immigration of foreign-trained nurses, receiving testimony from Ruth E. Levine, Senior Health Economist, World Bank; Susan Page, Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt, Kansas, on behalf of the Kansas Hospital Association; Carl Shusterman, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, California; Bradley D. LeBaron, Uintah Basin Medical Center, Roosevelt, Utah, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Martha Hegarty, Country Care Nursing Facility, Easton, Kansas, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; and Diane Sosne, on behalf of the Service Employees International Union Nurse Alliance (AFL-CIO), and Douglas M. Wear, Wear and Associates, on behalf of the American Psychological Association, both of Seattle, Washington.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 1930–1951; 1 private bill, H.R. 1952; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 140 and H. Res. 145, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji, Founder, Jain Meditation International Center.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expedited Construction of World War II Memorial: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R.

1696, to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Small Business Liability Protection Act: H.R. 1831, to provide certain relief for small businesses from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 134). The House debated the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill on Monday, May 20.

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Leave No Child Behind Act: The House continued consideration of H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind. The House began consideration of the bill on May.

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Agreed To:

Boehner amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that makes various technical and clarifying changes;

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Capps amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows CPR training programs in schools (agreed to by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 128); **Pages H2519–20, H2521–22**

Dunn amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that makes additional funding available to hire school resource officers for safety purposes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 131); **Pages H2524–25, H2532–33**

Graves amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that at least 95 percent of funds be used directly to improve academic achievement in the classroom (agreed to by a recorded vote of 422 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 129); **Pages H2520–21, H2522**

Hill amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows the use of innovative education program funds to establish smaller learning communities; **Pages H2522–24**

Dooley amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires a comparison between achievement levels of student subgroups to the State’s annual objectives for each group; **Pages H2533–35**

Vitter amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires schools that accept Federal funds to permit regular United States Armed Services recruitment activities on school grounds and to make these activities accessible to all students (agreed to by a recorded vote of 366 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 133); and **Pages H2535–36, H2542**

Tiberi amendment No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows a pilot project of up to 100 school districts in 50 states to enter into performance agreements with the Secretary to consolidate Federal funds made available under the Act and to use these funds for any permitted educational purpose (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 132). **Pages H2536–42**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to strike the requirement for annual state reading and math tests for grades 3 through 8 and retain current law for state assessments (rejected by a recorded vote of 3 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 130). **Pages H2525–32**

H. Res. 143, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10.

Congratulating the City of Detroit on the Tricentennial of its Founding: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 80, congratulating the city of Detroit and its residents on the occasion of the tricentennial of the city’s founding. **Pages H2543–46**

Referrals: S. 27 was referred to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce. **Page H2568**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2521–22, H2522, H2531–32, H2532–33, H2541–42, H2542, and H2542–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DAIRY POLICY REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review national dairy policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the FCC and the SEC. Testimony was heard from Michael Powell, Chairman, FCC; and Laura Unger, Acting Chairperson, SEC.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education on the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the DOD-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army, and the American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from Claudia L. Tornblom, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Management and Budget), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Civil Works), Department of Defense; and Maj. Gen. John P. Herrling, USA, (Ret.), American Battle Monuments Commission.

MILITARY TEST AND TRAINING RANGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on constraints and challenges facing military test and training ranges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joseph J. Angello, Jr., Acting Deputy Under Secretary (Readiness); Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy